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In Re the Application of:

RAJESH R. SHAH, ET AL.

Art Group: 2126

Application No.: 09/450,381

Examiner: Anya, Charles E.

Filed: November 29, 1999

For: A Cluster With Multiple Paths Between Hosts
And I/O Controllers

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

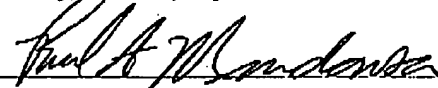
In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to December 19, 2003, from the Office Action dated June 19, 2003. The petition filing fee of \$950.00 and a Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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